DEMAND III—STAMPS.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,00,091 under demand III—Stamps.

MR. P. KUNJU PANICKER: I beg to move that the allotment of Rs. 55,000 for discount on sale of stamps may be reduced by Re. 1 to discuss the necessity of introducing certain changes in the present method of discounting.

I move this motion to point out that in the matter of sale of stamps and stamp papers discount is allowed to the vendors. In Law Courts when more than two or three stamp papers are made use of to cover the value of court fee the litigant party is made to pay a discount to Government. I bring this fact to the notice of the Government so that the selling of stamp papers and stamps may be done by a person specially appointed for the sale so that no special discount need be given to any independent vendors. If such a procedure is adopted the parties in courts even if they have to make use of 2 or 3 stamp papers need not pay the discount. If outsiders are vendors Government are allowing a discount to them and hence the litigants are compelled to pay the discount when more than one stamp paper is used in one case. So in the matter of disposals of stamp and stamp papers I request that Government may appoint Government servants to sell them.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: May I know from the Honourable member whether the public will not experience difficulties in case there are only 2 or 3 stamp venders in a taluk?

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: But even now they are compelled to make purchases in Taluk Treasuries for securing certain stamp papers. My contention is that the whole business of selling stamp papers should be undertaken by Government servants.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Sir, at present, only licensed stamp vendors are allowed to sell stamps and stamp papers. They are not authorised to collect discount or anything from others and if it is a fact Government will make necessary enquiries and see that the matter is stopped.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND IV—FOREST.

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I rise to Move for a grant of Rs. 14,45,195 under Demand IV—Forest.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: Sir, I beg to move that *the allotment of Rs. 3,250 for travelling allowance may be reduced by Re. 1*, to discuss the necessity of exercising better control upon the subordinate service to avoide corruption and increase their efficiency.

Sir, in the reserved areas people are allowed to encroach and remove trees and even cultivate openly and I know that there is an army of persons to look after these things and if the local subordinates are working

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